

Wednesday, January 24, 1951

HIGHLIGHTS

Bills on GI insurance and Air Force organization passed by the House.
Senate committees voted to report investigations and printing resolutions, communications bill, and nominations.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, at noon.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Continuing hearings on S. 1, National Security Training Act of 1951, as well as the over-all manpower situation, including selective service and universal military service, the Preparedness Subcommittee took further testimony on the proposed legislation, with the following witnesses expressing their views: Dr. Francis Garvey and Dr. R. H. Friedrich, both of the American Dental Association; Paul H. Robbins, National Society of Professional Engineers; Dr. Ralph McDonald, NEA; Dr. M. H. Trytten, Office of Scientific Personnel; Dr. Charles A. Thomas, Chairman, Scientific Manpower Advisory Committee, NSRB; Clarence Mitchell, Director, Washington Bureau, NAACP; J. T. Sanders, National Grange; and Col. Edwin S. Bettelheim, Military Order of World Wars. Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AND SECURITY, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee held executive hearings on S. 537, to provide greater security and defense of the U. S. against attack (to be cited as the Electromagnetic Radiation Control Act), receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Francis L. Ankenbrandt, Director of Communications, Air Force, and Curtis B. Plummer, Chief Engineer, FCC.

It voted to report without amendment S. 658, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 (amending organizational, procedural, and appellate sections).

It voted to report favorably routine nominations in the Coast Guard.

Following the meeting, it was announced that the committee had agreed to hold public hearings on January 31 on the nomination of Joseph P. Adams, to be a member of the CAB; it also agreed to hold executive hearings on S. 241, the so-called long-range shipping bill, and S. 508, to protect the consumer and

others against misbranding, false advertising, and false invoicing of fur products and furs.

LABOR

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Senator Humphrey submitted a proposed budget to the Subcommittee on Labor, in executive session, for its expenditures during this coming year. This new Subcommittee on Labor will replace the old Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee of the previous Congress.

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATIONS, AND PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: In executive session, committee voted to report favorably the following nine resolutions:

With amendment, S. Res. 17, continuing until April 30, 1951, the authority of the Committee on Banking and Currency to study operations of the RFC and its subsidiaries, and increasing by \$20,000 the limit of expenditures for that purpose;

S. Res. 32, extending authority for investigation of the relationship of the U. S. with Indians;

S. Res. 33, extending authority for investigation of the fuel reserves and to formulate a fuel policy for the U. S.;

S. Res. 6, increasing limit of expenditures of the Committee on the Judiciary not to exceed \$97,000;

With amendment, S. Res. 7, providing \$75,000 for the investigation relating to the internal security of the U. S., and extending the authority through January 31, 1952 (S. Res. 366 of the 81st Cong.);

With amendment, S. Res. 18, providing \$190,000 for hearings and investigation by the Committee on Armed Services and extending that authority through January 31, 1952;

S. Res. 40, to print 30,000 additional copies of the pamphlet entitled "Selling to Your Government" for the use of the Select Committee on Small Business;

S. Res. 19, providing \$3,000 for temporary employment of additional personnel by the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service; and

With amendment, S. Res. 51, providing \$100,000 and authorizing the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments to employ temporary additional personnel.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighty-four public bills, H. R. 1980-2063; seventeen private bills, H. R. 2064-2080; and twelve resolutions, H. J. Res. 128-132, H. Con. Res. 45-47, and H. Res. 94-97, were introduced.

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Internal Revenue Code: By voice vote the House adopted H. J. Res. 87, amending section 5012 of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of this resolution is to continue in the departments, agencies, etc., the duty to furnish such data and information directly to the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation or its staff as provided in section 5012 of the Internal Revenue Code, without regard to Reorganization Plan No. 26 of 1950.

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Eisenhower Report: Heard announcement of an address by General Eisenhower before an informal joint meeting of Congress on February 1, 1951, at 10:30 a. m., in the Coclidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress.

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GI Insurance: Voted, 390 yeas to no nays, to pass H. R. 1, to authorize the payment by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs of a gratuitous indemnity to survivors of members of the Armed Forces who die in active service. This bill is designed to provide uniform benefits to all members of the Armed Forces at a reduced cost to the Government. Among other things H. R. 1 insures each person in the Armed Forces against death in the amount of \$10,000, without cost to the person; limits beneficiaries to members of his immediate family; pays maximum indemnity in monthly installments of \$92.90 each, over a 10-year period; exempts indemnity from taxation and claims of creditors. Prior to passage, several committee amendments were adopted. An amendment offered by Mr. Evins, designed to give to future veterans the right to secure national service life insurance, was rejected.

H. Res. 83, the rule providing for the consideration of H. R. 1, was previously adopted.

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Air Force Organization: Passed, by voice vote, H. R. 1726, to provide for the organization of the Air Force and the Department of the Air Force. This bill provides a statutory basis for the internal organization of the Air Force and the Department of the Air Force and does not affect the laws pertaining to the Air National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve or personnel matters such as promotion, retirement, or pay. Nor does it involve any additional cost to the Government.

H. Res. 88, the rule making in order the consideration of H. R. 1726, was previously adopted.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY AND MANPOWER

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on H. R. 1752, to permit the more effective utilization of manpower resources of the United States by authorizing universal military service and training. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, was the only witness at today's meeting, and she is scheduled to appear again at tomorrow morning's session.

DEFENSE HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Continued hearings on H. R. 1272, to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the national defense (to be cited as the Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951. Oscar R. Ewing, Administrator, Federal Security Agency, accompanied by Leonard Scheele, Surgeon General, Public Health Service, and Dr. Erick L. Lindman, Director, Division of School Assistance in Federally Affected Areas, Office of Education, testified with respect to provisions of the bill relating to "community facilities." He urged that responsibility for the administration of those provisions of the bill should be vested with the Federal Security Agency in order that they might be coordinated with existing programs. Hearings will be continued tomorrow.

DEFENSE HOUSING, EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Held executive discussions on title II of H. R. 1272, the defense housing bill, which is under consideration by the House Committee on Banking and Currency. Title II contains the provision of defense housing and community facilities and services and the committee discussed the school building and other educational features which may be contained in this section of the legislation. It will meet again tomorrow morning to consider the effects of the pending defense housing bill on Public Law 815 (81st Cong.) relative to school construction in areas affected by Federal activities; and Public Law 874 (81st Cong.) to provide financial assistance for maintenance and operation of schools located in districts affected by Federal activities.

EXECUTIVE EXPENDITURES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Met in executive session and adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: The Byrne subcommittee approved 40 private claims bills for reporting to the full committee. All of these bills were reported favorably and passed by the House in the Eighty-first Congress.

PUBLIC WORKS

Committee on Public Works: Held its organizational meeting and set up its regular subcommittees. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

TRADE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Resumed hearings on H. R. 1612, to extend the authority of the President to enter into foreign-trade agreements, under section 350 of the Tariff Act, for a further period of 3 years from June 12, 1951. In the morning session the committee heard Morris S. Rosenthal, representing the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.; and Harry S. Radcliffe, executive vice president, National Council of American Importers, Inc., New York City. In the afternoon session the committee heard Richard G. Hanna, Detroit Board of Commerce, Detroit, Mich.; and the following representatives of organizations located in Washington, D. C.: John C. Lynn, associate director, American Farm Bureau Federation; George

Nelson, representative of the International Association of Machinists; David M. Keiser, chairman, United States-Cuban Sugar Council; Mrs. Oscar Ruebhausen, League of Women Voters; Mrs. C. D. Wright, chairman of legislation, General Federation of Women's Clubs; Richard R. Wood, editor of magazine The Friend, Friends Committee on National Legislation; Mrs. Orris G. Robinson, Woman's Division of the Methodist Church; and Stanley H. Ruttenberg, Congress of Industrial Organizations. A statement on the subject was submitted for the record by Russell Smith, National Farmers' Union.

Hearings will be continued tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Continuing its study of the President's Economic Report, the committee heard Michael V. DiSalle, Director of the Office of Price Stabilization, and Cyrus S. Ching, Chairman, Wage Stabilization Board, discuss various aspects of the current anti-inflation program. The committee continues its hearings tomorrow.

Thursday, January 25, 1951

HIGHLIGHTS

House committee appointed subcommittee to study effects of pending defense-housing bill on school construction and maintenance in impacted Federal areas.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 656–669

Bills Introduced: Forty-one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 659 to S. 699; S. J. Res. 25 and 26; and S. Res. 52 and 53. Pages 661, 663, 674

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 40, to print 30,000 additional copies of the pamphlet entitled "Selling to Your Government" for the use of the Select Committee on Small Business (S. Rept. 35);

S. Res. 19, providing \$3,000 for temporary employment of additional personnel by the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service (S. Rept. 36);

S. Res. 33, extending authority for investigation of the fuel reserves and to formulate a fuel policy for the U. S. (S. Rept. 37);

S. Res. 32, extending authority for investigation of the relationship of the U. S. with Indians (S. Rept. 38);

S. Res. 51, providing \$100,000 and authorizing the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments to employ temporary additional personnel (S. Rept. 39);

S. Res. 18, providing \$190,000 for hearings and investigation by the Committee on Armed Services and extending that authority through January 31, 1952, with additional amendments (S. Rept. 40);

S. Res. 17, continuing until April 30, 1951, the authority of the Committee on Banking and Currency to study operations of the RFC and its subsidiaries, and increasing by \$20,000 the limit of expenditures for that purpose, with amendment (S. Rept. 41);

S. Res. 6, increasing limit of expenditures of the Committee on the Judiciary not to exceed \$97,000 (S. Rept. 42);